

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 654

By Buck

A RESOLUTION to name a segment of State Route 56 in DeKalb County in honor of H. Clarence Redmon.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Mr. H. Clarence Redmon, one of DeKalb County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Redmon, a gentleman who pursued excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Redmon played a key role in the development of the rural areas of DeKalb, Warren, White, and Van Buren Counties. Mr. Redmon grew up in rural DeKalb County and, before starting his tenure with Caney Fork Electric Cooperative, worked as a farmer and nurseryman, owning one of the first tractors and combines in DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmon was active in the Farm Bureau Soil Conservation Program and helped with the formation of Caney Fork Electric Cooperative, working as a volunteer his first year. His first job was going door to door signing people to contracts to pay \$1.00 or \$1.50 per month for electric service. Fourteen hundred subscribers were required to get the Federal loan to start the distribution system construction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmon worked as Staking Supervisor for line construction, Meter Activator, and several other jobs to help assure the construction and operation of the new electric system; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Redmon then helped in forming ten water utility districts in the area with West Warren Utility District being the first. Caney Fork Electric Cooperative and Mr.

Redmon helped recruit industries to provide jobs and add power load to the Caney Fork system. This vision for the rural areas has resulted in availability of electricity, water, jobs, and a higher standard of living for the area; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Commission has petitioned this Body to name a certain segment of State Route 56 in honor of Mr. H. Clarence Redmon to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the segment of State Route 56 in DeKalb County from such route's intersection with Magness Road to its intersection with Webb Lane is hereby designated the "H. Clarence Redmon Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 56 in DeKalb County from such route's intersection with Magness Road to its intersection with Webb Lane as the "H. Clarence Redmon Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity

paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation and the DeKalb County Commission.